

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 **1.** A data-entry apparatus comprising:
2 a device for entering data;
3 a display for displaying information confirming the security of
4 the data-entry apparatus; and
5 an encryption circuit, communicatively coupled to the data-
6 entry device and the display.

1 **2.** The data-entry apparatus of claim **1**,
2 wherein the device for entering data comprises
3 a touch pad.

1 **3.** The apparatus of claim **1**, further comprising a second
2 display, and
3 wherein the first and second displays are physically separate.

1 **4.** The apparatus of claim **1**, further comprising a second
2 display, and
3 wherein the first and second displays are under the control of respective
4 first and second controllers that in turn are communicatively coupled to
5 and under the control of the encryption circuit.

1 **5.** The apparatus of claim **1**, wherein the displayed
2 information comprises
3 an icon.

1 **6.** A method for accepting data on a data-entry
2 apparatus, the method comprising:
3 refraining from displaying information asserting a data-entry

4 device's ability to securely receive data;
5 then preparing to encrypt data received on the data-entry
6 device;
7 then displaying information asserting the data-entry device's
8 ability to securely receive data.